

Percentage distribution of graduate and first-professional students according to parents' highest education level, by selected enrollment and institution characteristics: 1999–2000

Enrollment and institution characteristics	High school or less	Some college, less than a bachelor's degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or first-professional degree
Total	30.4	15.9	23.0	30.7
Master's degree	32.1	16.3	23.0	28.6
Public	32.0	17.7	23.1	27.3
Nondoctorate-granting	41.6	18.8	18.1	21.5
Doctorate-granting	28.5	17.3	24.9	29.4
Private not-for-profit	31.8	14.8	23.5	30.0
Nondoctorate-granting	36.8	17.8	19.7	25.7
Doctorate-granting	29.4	13.4	25.2	32.0
Doctoral degree	28.3	12.4	24.1	35.1
Public	27.1	12.4	25.1	35.5
Private not-for-profit	29.6	12.3	22.0	36.1
First-professional degree	21.8	14.3	20.3	43.7
Public	19.3	13.5	21.7	45.5
Private not-for-profit	22.6	15.0	19.4	43.1
Master's degree				
Business administration (MBA)	33.7	10.6	26.7	29.0
Education (any master's)	36.7	19.4	18.9	25.1
Other master of arts (MA)	24.6	19.2	20.6	35.7
Other master of science (MS)	28.0	13.5	28.9	29.6
Other master's degree	31.1	19.1	20.7	29.1
Doctoral degree				
PhD except in education	23.5	11.7	26.5	38.4
Education (any doctorate)	43.7	14.2	19.7	22.4
Other doctoral degree	28.3	13.0	21.6	37.2
First-professional degree				
Medicine (MD)	16.5	10.8	14.0	58.8
Other health science degree	24.9	17.6	25.3	32.3
Law (LLB or JD)	21.3	14.6	21.2	42.9
Theology (MDiv, MHL, BD)	35.6	13.9	21.1	29.4
Attendance pattern				
Full-time, full-year	23.5	14.3	23.5	38.8
Full-time, part-year	28.9	12.9	25.7	32.4
Part-time, full-year	36.5	16.7	20.6	26.2
Part-time, part-year	33.4	18.1	24.7	23.9

NOTE: Except where limited as indicated by a row label, data include students in graduate programs other than master's, doctoral, and first-professional and students in private for-profit institutions. Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1999–2000 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:2000).